

# *The Croton-on-Hudson* **Village Newsletter**

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## **Duck Pond Dredging Underway**

On Tuesday, Nov. 12, the Village's contractor, AquaDredge, Inc., began moving in equipment to be used in the dredging of the Duck Pond located at the intersection of Bungalow Rd. and River-side Ave. In anticipation of this work, the pond has been allowed to drain as much as possible. Pumping will also be required to eliminate as much water as possible.

Once the dredging begins, the silt removed will either be stored temporarily at the Duck Pond parking lot for drying or trucked directly to an area at Croton Landing. The site at Croton Land-

ing has been staked and surrounded by hay bales to prevent sediment run off during the drying period. Eventually the dried soil will be used as cover material at Croton Landing.

As part of the dredging job, a permanent silt basin will be constructed at the east end of the Pond. This will allow future siltation to be captured in a small, confined area that can be cleaned out regularly and, thereby, prevent a build up of silt in the whole Pond in the future.

Although the dredging is



Dredging equipment at Duck Pond

starting a little later than anticipated due to rainfall and wet conditions, it is anticipated that the dredging will be completed during the winter months. The winter months were selected to minimize any possible odor problems.

## **Winterfest and Holiday Decorating in the Village**



Put Sunday, December 8th on your calendar. This is the date of the 3rd annual Winterfest celebration in Vassallo Park sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and the Village's Recreation Dept.

From 3-6 pm, you will be treated to singing, entertainment, refreshments and a tree lighting. The PVC Middle School students will pro-

vide holiday music and songs. Seven-foot wooden soldiers on stilts will be on hand and the CET PTA will have refreshments available.

In addition, the opportunity to trim a tree is yours again this year. The Recreation Dept. is placing small trees in tubs around

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## Daffodils Commemorate 9/11



Jan Johnsen, on left, and Croton volunteers, planting daffodils on Post Road South opposite the High School.

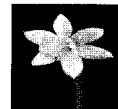
In early October, 42 volunteers planted 911 daffodils in remembrance of 9/11. The event was sponsored by the Con-

servation Advisory Council and the Croton Arboretum. The daffodils were made possible by a corporate grant from JPMorgan. A commemorative garden was created at a location provided by the Village on Old Post Rd. South across from the High School. Jan Johnsen, local landscape architect, promoted the idea. Bruce Laemmel, local

landscaper, prepared the beds and ET John Deere Co. provided the tractor.

The CAC wants to hold an annual beautification event, according to Chairman Jon Goplerud. They would like to hear your ideas for future projects and sites. Jon may be contacted at 271-8677 or at [goplerud@bestweb.net](mailto:goplerud@bestweb.net).

Watch for the daffodils to bloom next Spring!



## Snow Removal, Sidewalk Shoveling and Winter Parking Rules

Snow is probably coming soon to Croton. The Dept. of Public Works is prepared, as usual, to perform their snow removal from the streets as

efficiently as in past years. There are some rules



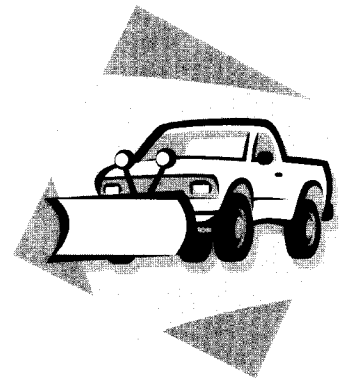
and suggestions that you need to be aware of in connection with snow removal.

Parking is not permitted on the streets when snowfall measures 2" or more. Please listen to local news reports to ensure you remove your car

from the street before snow accumulates to 2". Violators will be ticketed. If you have no other option than to park on the street, you can obtain a permit for winter parking from the Municipal Office during office hours.

It is each resident's obligation to clear the sidewalks bordering your property. One of the frustrations of both homeowners and Public Works employees is that they sometimes undo each others work. The Dept. of Public Works asks that you not push, blow or throw snow onto the previously cleared roadway. If possible, wait until the street has been cleared before

clearing your own property and sidewalk. Putting your snow into the street is both a safety hazard and a violation of the N.Y.S. Vehicle and Traffic Law. Following these rules will help to make our streets and sidewalks as safe as possible under slippery conditions.



### Croton Landing is the name!

At its meeting of October 21, the Board of Trustees officially named our new waterfront property "Croton Landing". The property was commonly referred to as the "Seprio" property since its acquisition. Mayor Elliott credited resident Barbara Buske as being instrumental in finding this name.

## Spotlight on Eleanor Soderlund

This month, the Village wants to feature one of its many outstanding employees—Eleanor Soderlund. Ellie can be found every day in the Main Office of the Municipal Building where she meets and greets most of the residents and visitors coming into the Office. In this capacity she cheerfully provides information on a myriad of topics.

Ellie is a long-time resident of Croton - 32 years - where she raised her children. She has

been a Village employee for 15 years.

Her familiarity with Croton makes her invaluable in answering the many questions that come across the counter or on the phone.

Ellie works in many capacities for the Village. Parking permits are her bailiwick. She handles all parking permits including railroad station permits, handicap permits and neighborhood permits. The information on Croton's cable station is put

here by her. She is also the presence behind the camera at all the Village Board meetings and makes sure a copy of the tape is re-broadcast and placed in the Croton Library. In addition, she assists with tax and water payments when residents come into the office. You can see from these responsibilities why Ellie thinks communication is an important part of her job!



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*"I like working in the Village Office for the chance to communicate with the public and to give the residents the service they deserve."*

*Ellie Soderlund*

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## Croton Housing Network Announces Four New Units Spectrum-Skanska builds units as part of Half Moon Bay Development

The Croton Housing Network (CHN), the Village of Croton-on-Hudson and Spectrum Skanska, builder of Discovery Cove at Half Moon Bay, announced the creation of four new units of affordable rental housing for Seniors at the site of the new development.

In granting site plan approval in 1999 to the development, the Planning Board had required the creation of these units. The Housing Network purchased these units and will now manage the rental of the units to qualified individuals.

This is the first CHN project designed specifically for Senior Citizens.

Priority will be given to those 65 years of age or over.

The CHN was created as a not-for-profit organization in 1989 to develop affordable housing in the Village. To date they have provided 24 units including the four at Half Moon Bay. They are committed to fair and equal access to the limited number of units available. To implement this principle, the opportunity to rent one of these units will be through a lottery of eligible applicants. Applicants with a "Croton connection" will be given higher priority than those without such a connection.

The newly constructed condominiums are part

of Discovery Cove at Half Moon Bay built by the developer of the luxury condominiums, Spectrum-Skanska. Four 1-bedroom units have been sold at below cost to the Housing Network who will, in turn, rent them to qualified individuals or couples. The rent will be \$500 per month and, in addition, the tenant will pay for all of their utilities including heat. Occupancy is planned for February/March 2003.

Anyone interested in learning more about the

condominiums and the application process should call 271-2601 before December 1st and leave your name and phone number. A volunteer will get back to you with more information and an application.

For more information about the Croton Housing Network, contact Nance Shatzkin at 271-9464.

We're on the Web. Visit us at [Http://village-croton-on-Hudson.ny.us/](http://village-croton-on-Hudson.ny.us/)

## Got a Question?



This month's questions address how to dispose of your Christmas tree after the holidays are over and how to obtain a Handicapped Parking Permit.

### Christmas Tree disposal:

In the weeks following the December holidays, the Dept. of Public Works will pick up trees that are left at the curb. The trees should be stripped of all tinsel, decorations and lights and should not be placed in plastic bags.

### Handicapped Parking Permits:

Spaces designated for people who are physically disabled are restricted to vehicles identified by a handicapped tag.

Village residents may obtain a permit from the Village Office that requires the signature of their Doctor. The permit is provided

Questions may be sent to us at:

Newsletter Questions

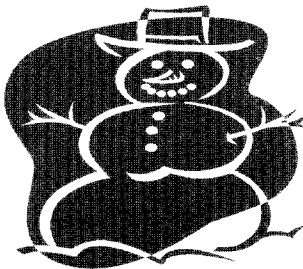
Stanley H. Kellerhouse Municipal Building

One Van Wyck Street

Croton-on-Hudson, NY 10520

free of charge. Temporary permits are valid for six months.

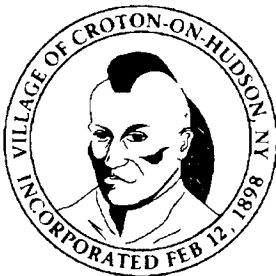
The fine for illegally parking in a Handicapped parking space is \$150, plus a surcharge imposed by the State.



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the village. Individuals, families or organizations may sign up to decorate one. Contact Cynthia Lippolis at 271-3300 or stop in at 133 Grand Street, River Towns Realty, to sign up. You may also sign up with Maria Tamaoka at Pinwheels, 416 Albany Post Rd., 271-1045. Any tubs with trees that are not adopted by individuals will have decorations added by the Croton Recreation Department.

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